

#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 55, 57-59, and 73-76 are pending. Claim 56 has been cancelled without prejudice as the subject matter of claim 56 has been incorporated into claim 55.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 55 and cancelled claims 61-65, 67-71, 78-81, and 83-86 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 55, 61-65, 67-71, 78-81, and 83-86, prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claim 55 was amended and claims 61-65, 67-71, 78-81, and 83-86 were cancelled in this Amendment to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 55, 61-65, 67-71, 78-81, and 83-86, as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Wong for indicating that claims 73-76, 78-81, and 83-86 are allowed (Office Action Summary). Applicants have cancelled claims 78-81 and 83-86 in this application.

Examiner Wong objected to claims 55, 61, and 67 because it is not clear what is meant by a "feature identification technique". Merely to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 55 to describe that the feature identification technique "finds points or regions of interest in the subject multi-dimensional database" (e.g., Specification, page 13, line 29 – page 14, line 2). Applicants would also like to thank Examiner Wong for indicating, during a telephone conference on March 26, 2008, that this language appears to overcome the objection. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claim 55. Applicants have cancelled claims 61 and 67.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Wong for indicating that claims 56, 62, and 68 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any

intervening claims. Applicants have incorporated the language of claim 56 into claim 55. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 55 and dependent claims 57-59 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants have cancelled claims 62 and 68 in this application.

Claims 55, 57-59, 61, 63-65, 67, and 69-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tummalapalli (US 2004/0243607). Applicants respectfully traverse, but, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 55 with the subject matter of claim 56 to place claims 55 and 57-59 in condition for allowance. The remaining rejected claims have been cancelled in this application.

#### Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 55, 57-59, and 73-76 are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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